



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Feb. 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring National Spay
Your Pet Day

Report in Brief

The City Council is asked to lend their support to this National effort to control the unwanted pet population by preventing the birth of cats and dogs, rather than euthanizing those animals later in their life.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Proclamation of support and declare February 25, 2008 as National Spay Your Pet Day.

Background

Council has shown their support for many local, State and National events of importance. Based upon the statistics as outlined in the Proclamation, the births and subsequent euthanization of dogs and cats is of significance. For any citizens who have pets, they are encouraged to help control the population and prevent euthanizing of these pets by neutering their pet. There are several free or reduced clinics to help those who need financial assistance in this process.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Proclamation of support and declare February 25, 2008 as National Spay Your Pet Day.

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Administrative Services and City Clerk

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City Manager

Attachment: Proclamation

City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION

FEBRUARY 25, 2008 AS "SPAY DAY USA 2008"

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 63 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 more cats in seven years. Two unaltered dogs and their offspring can produce 67,000 more dogs in six years; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and animal shelters have to euthanize approximately five million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes; and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2005-2006, 420 adoptable dogs and 1393 adoptable cats were euthanized at the Yolo County Sheriff's Department Animal Services shelter due to the animal population explosion problem in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country a billion dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of unwanted cats and dogs; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs in Yolo County has reduced the total number of animals euthanized in Yolo County by 8% (299) in the past fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, locally, through funds and efforts provided by the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition, the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, the Yolo County Sheriff's Department Animal Services Section, Yolo County SPCA, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, United Animal Nations, Teaching Everyone Animals Matter, the City of Sacramento Animal Care Services, Sacramento County Department of Animal Care and Regulation, the Sacramento Valley Veterinary Medical Association, Sacramento SPCA, Placer SPCA and a New Hope Animal Foundation, more than 600 volunteer veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary students and lay volunteers will work in sixteen Sacramento area veterinary clinic locations to provide low-income families with over 800 free spay and neuter surgeries for Spay Day 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland proclaims February 25, 2008, as designated "Spay Day USA," and urges the people of Yolo County to observe this day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered, by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog, or by contributing to those organizations which sponsor or advocate spay and neuter services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February 2008

David M. Flory, Mayor

Marlin H. Davies, Vice-Mayor

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

Artemio Pimentel, Council Member